

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT  
APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

Inventor(s): Morihiro Murata

Appln. No.: 09 665,912

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Filed: September 20, 2000

Title: METHOD OF LOGICALLY ERASING  
CONTENTS OF A CD-RW DISC WHILE  
RESERVING DISC ID

Group Art Unit 2653

Examiner: Aristotelis M. Psitos

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Date: February 20, 2003

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114**

Please continue the examination of this application.

**PREREQUISITES**This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Please consider the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☐ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☐ The enclosed new Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed \_\_\_ and reply brief filed
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
 

☐ IDS Letter

☐ Cited Appln

☐ Foreign Search Report/OA

☐ PTO-1449

☐ Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 098) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the **original** due date of \_\_\_ to cover the date (1 mo) \$110/\$55  
this Request is filed. **PLEASE CHARGE** the requisite fee to our Deposit (2 mos) \$410/\$205 +  
Account (see below) (3 mos) \$930/\$465
8. **PLEASE CHARGE** the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☐ \$750 (lg. ent.) ☐ \$375 (sm. ent.) plus any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit Account No. 16-1805 under Order No. 51270 / 245656

**NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred!**  
**NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED** unless you are adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.

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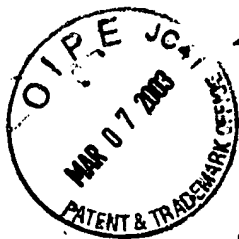
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND  
ENTRY OF RULE 116 AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination of the above-referenced application and entry of the previously filed Rule 116 Amendment. On July 3, 2002, the Examiner issued a Final Office Action, rejecting claims 1-32 and objecting to claims 3, 5, 7, 11, and 13. On December 27, 2002, Applicant submitted a 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 ("Rule 116") Amendment along with a three-month extension of time and a Notice of Appeal. On January 14, 2003, the Examiner issued an Advisory Action indicating that the Rule 116 Amendment would not be entered.

The Notice of Appeal was received by the Patent Office on January 3, 2003, and

applicant's Appeal Brief is due March 3, 2003. In lieu of applicant's Appeal Brief, this RCE and request to enter the Rule 116 Amendment filed December 27, 2002 is being submitted so that prosecution of the present application may continue without appeal. The Examiner recommended the filing of an RCE so as to permit consideration and entry of the Rule 116 Amendment filed December 27, 2002. (Advisory Action, page one, item 4; and page two, second and third paragraphs.)

The Examiner is requested to call either of the undersigned attorneys at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner believe such telephone conference would be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

PILLSBURY WINTHROP LLP

Date: February 20, 2003

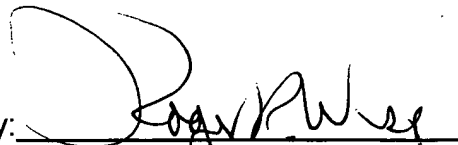
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